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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Is this one of the portfolios which are being administered by the hon. the Minister for Public Health?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"This is not my portfolio. I said that not in my capacity as Minister but in my individual capacity."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I ask whether the address was presented to the Minister as Minister or as Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar, M.L.C., Tanjore district?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"It was addressed to Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar, who was also Minister."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know whether he answered as Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar, M.L.C., or as a Minister of His Excellency's Government?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I did not preface my speech by saying 'S. Muthiah Mudaliyar' or 'Minister'."

Fisheries

Memorial regarding the opening of a separate Fisheries Training Institute at Mangalore.

*1196 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether a memorial was presented last year by the fishermen of South Kanara asking for a separate Fisheries Training Institute at Mangalore;

(b) whether the Director of Fisheries has proposed the establishment of a Technological school in South Kanara for providing training to fishermen youths and adults in special branches of the fishing industry; and

(c) whether the Government have considered the above memorial and proposal and have arrived at any decision regarding the matter?

A.—(a) A representation was received from a deputation of the fishermen community in 1927 asking for the opening of a Fisheries Technical school at Mangalore.

(b) Proposals have been made by the Director of Fisheries for the establishment of such an Institute at Mangalore for the training of teachers required to staff the fishermen elementary schools in South Kanara district.

(c) The Government are awaiting the report of the Madras Fisheries Committee.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I know whether the committee proposes to take any evidence in South Kanara in regard to this matter?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"It is left to the committee."